

# **BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF**

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#### Director's Message

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our Long Beach Airport business partner newsletter! I hope you, your loved ones and colleagues are coping as well as possible with the COVID-19 pandemic. It's been exactly one year since I began my tenure at LGB and it's important to me that we continue to communicate and support each other to keep moving forward. If you have any suggestions for newsletter content, please contact our Airport Public Affairs Officer at Kate.Kuykendall@longbeach.gov. On behalf of the City of Long Beach and the Airport, I look forward to continuing our partnerships as we navigate our way through the rest of 2020 together.

- Cynthia Guidry

### Health and Safety Measures to Protect Against COVID-19

LGB remains open for essential travel and has taken extensive measures to ensure the safety of employees and passengers. These measures are summarized in the graphic below. We miss our travelers and stand prepared to welcome them back to a touchless travel experience when the time is right.



For the latest local information on COVID-19, visit <u>longbeach.gov/COVID19</u>. You can also sign up with <u>Alert Long Beach</u> to receive emergency notifications to your mobile phone and/or email address.



Floor decals help travelers stay six feet apart from one another.



Plastic shields are installed where physical distancing is not possible.

### JetBlue Announcement

As I'm sure you are all aware, JetBlue recently announced that it will make LAX its primary base of operations in the Greater LA area and will shift LGB flights, along with its LGB crew and maintenance operation, to LAX. This is effective as of October 2020.

LGB has had a long and valued relationship with JetBlue, since they began service here in 2001. They immediately became part of the Long Beach community and, together, we served millions of happy customers. We are grateful for our long and successful relationship and, while saddened by the announcement, we know that the aviation industry is constantly shifting. This is true now more than ever, as we see airlines nationwide adjusting their business strategies to adapt to the changes wrought by the pandemic.

This news marks the closing of a very important chapter in LGB's history, but I remain hopeful about what is to come. JetBlue will relinquish their 17 permanent flight slots, and they will then be re-allocated according to our prescribed process and our existing waiting list.

Even during these challenging times, we continue to see strong demand for flight slots at LGB and we know that the first-class travel experience we deliver is sought after by both airlines and our travelers.



## #TogetherLGB Social Media Campaign

LGB launched a social media campaign to spotlight the critical work performed by frontline airport employees and our partners. This has been a great way to recognize so many of the familiar faces around the airport who keep us running, and who deserve a pat on the back. Thank you to those who submitted photos to us. You can see all the tweets in the series <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a> (no Twitter account needed).

Keep up with the latest LGB news by following us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> @LGBAirport.





### Taxiway C Update

Construction for the improvements to Taxiway C continue to move forward. The work was required to update the geometry of Taxiway C and associated taxiways in order to meet current FAA design standards and to enhance the safety of the airfield. Included in the project was the on-site installation of a 65-foot batch plant to convert an old closed asphalt runway to a new concrete taxiway.





The project team took advantage of the current reduction in flight activity and completed five of the six construction phases ahead of schedule. The second week of July marked a huge milestone for the project, as new concrete pavement was designated as Taxiways C, C1, C2, and L4. Former Taxiway C became part of the current ramp servicing the terminal gates.

With the completion of the new pavement east of Runway 12-30, the improvement project is now 80% complete and four months ahead of schedule! Phase 3, which includes improvements to Taxiway D and Taxiway J west of Runway 12-30, will conclude construction for this project. Phase 3 is anticipated to be completed this fall.



### PPE Vending Machine Now Available at LGB

A new vending machine offering personal protective equipment (PPE) was installed in the breezeway, right before TSA screening. The machine dispenses facial coverings, disposable gloves and hand sanitizer. This is part of a new trend in airports across the country, and LGB was one of the first to get our own vending machine. The story was even picked up by <u>KCAL and KCBS-TV!</u> And, of course, some of these products are also sold at Little Brass Café and at Paradies.

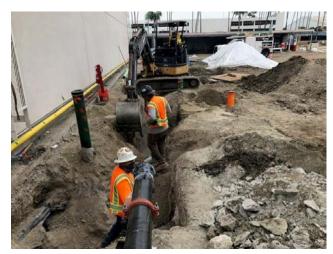


## Phase II Construction Update

The schedule for Phase II construction was resequenced to ease cash flow requirements and provide time for the Airport to recover from impacts of COVID-19. The Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) facility, which is primarily funded by TSA, continues to move forward.

In June, Swinerton installed a new fire water line, used exclusively for the fire suppression systems; utility relocations and rough grading have been completed; foundation work continues with geopiers installation this month. Geopiers support the building's foundation.

Work related to the new ticketing building continues, including utility rerouting and preparing the site for demolition. The breezeway south of the terminal building is anticipated to be demolished in September.



Contractors install a new water line for fire suppression adjacent to the CBIS facility footprint.



Preparing to install geopiers for the CBIS facility.



#### Participate in the 2020 Census

Community resources and programs use census data to determine how much money is allocated in each city. Construction of public facilities and improvements are funded as a result of census data. Recent events have shown us how critical funding is to support hospitals, schools, public transportation and small businesses in order to keep a society working for everyone.

It's never been easier to complete the census form: you can fill out the 2020 Census online, over the phone by dialing 1-844-330-2020 or by email. Visit <a href="https://www.my2020census.gov">www.my2020census.gov</a> to complete the census form for you and everyone in your household. Take the census today - be counted!

